

## HONORING TUTT BRADFORD

## HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor one of the finest men I have ever known and a long-time family friend, Tutt Bradford.

Tutt served as publisher of The Daily Times in Maryville, Tennessee, from 1955 until 1985. He was a highly respected voice for Blount County and an advocate for its residents throughout those three decades and continues to contribute to the paper's opinion pages on a regular basis.

Tutt's peers long ago recognized him as one of East Tennessee's greatest journalists. They rewarded him with a coveted spot on the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association Board from 1968 until 1970 and then elevated him to President of the Tennessee Press Association in 1974.

In addition to tremendous achievements in the field of journalism, Tutt can also claim many accomplishments within his community. Among other endeavors, he has served on the boards of countless charitable organizations, promoted higher education, and worked to improve the quality of life among all East Tennesseans.

Tutt's contributions to his community have been recognized on numerous occasions. The United Way of Blount County recently named its endowment program in his honor, and he is a past recipient of the University of Tennessee's Volunteer of the Year Award. The National Society of Fund-Raising Executives even named Tutt its Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year in 1991.

The complete list of Tutt's awards could fill several pages in the RECORD, so I will not attempt to list them all. Needless to say, however, he is a man of strong character and great compassion who represents the values of Blount County remarkably well.

The East Tennessee Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will pay tribute to Tutt June 18 when he serves as the honoree at this year's Front Page Follies. The annual event provides funding for communications scholarships by inviting local elected officials, journalists, and other community leaders to roast a guest of honor.

I would like to call the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to a recent Daily Times article regarding the 2005 Front Page Follies and a true Blount County treasure, Tutt Bradford.

## JOURNALISTS TO HONOR BRADFORD

[From the Daily Times, Feb. 16, 2005]

The 2005 Front Page Follies will honor Tutt Bradford, retired publisher of The Daily Times and a community leader who led and supported many causes in the area.

Bradford was publisher of The Daily Times from 1955 to 1985. Prior to that, he was publisher of the Bristol (Va.) Herald-Courier and the Cleveland Daily Banner. He was a member of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association Board from 1968 to 1970 and was president of the Tennessee Press Association in 1974.

"The East Tennessee Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists is very proud to honor Tutt Bradford for his many accomplishments in the field of journalism," said

Chapter President Dorothy Bowles. "Equally impressive is the dedicated service that Tutt has given and continues to give to Tennesseans."

Bradford was a member of the University of Tennessee Development Council from 1980 to 1983 and served on the board of Maryville College from 1974 to 1979 and from 1981 to 2003.

He served on the boards of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Knoxville Museum of Art, Thompson Cancer Survival Center, Lakeshore Mental Hospital, the Tennessee Technology Foundation, the Boys Club Foundation, the Blount Hearing and Speech Foundation, and the Blount Library Foundation. He was president of the Blount County Industrial Development Board from 1970 to 1972.

Bradford has received many honors and awards. He was recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Bristol Junior Chamber of Commerce, and he received the Sequoyah Literacy Award from the Tennessee Historical Commission. Junior Achievement named him to the East Tennessee Business Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1994, the University of Tennessee named him Volunteer of the Year.

The National Society of Fund-Raising Executives named Bradford Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year in 1991. He was president of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce in 1960 and president of the Kiwanis Club in Maryville in 1967.

The Follies are scheduled for 6 p.m., Saturday, June 18, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

The annual roast of newsmakers is sponsored by the East Tennessee Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and raises funds for communications scholarships at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and Pellissippi State Technical Community College.

This year's skits and songs will feature Vols football coach Phillip Fulmer in "The People's Court," state Sen. Tim Burchett and his "shadow," "Hysteric Preservation" highlighting Cherokee Country Club, and a legal battle royal with Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale, Sheriff Tim Hutchison, and Commissioner Wanda Moody.

Local TV anchors and meteorologists will add their special brand of fun to the event.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF  
FIREFIGHTER NEIL LARIBEE

## HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifelong dedication of Firefighter Neil Laribee, who after 52 years of service has retired from the Southington Volunteer Fire Department.

The son of a fireman, Neil Laribee first volunteered to fight fire for the town of Southington in 1952. A dedicated public servant, Neil has protected the Southington community for over fifty faithful years. Known around the Plantsville Engine Company #2 firehouse as "Deke," he has been instrumental in shaping the Department throughout the years. Neil has been a loyal friend and source of fire and rescue information to both new and veteran fireman at Company #2. As one of Southington's most experienced firefighters, he has held leadership positions including Company Secretary and a Company Trustee. Neil Laribee

has spent his life protecting lives and serving his community and his presence in the Southington Volunteer Fire Department will be certainly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today to recognize the lifelong dedication of Fireman Neil Laribee and thank him for his years of service to the town of Southington.

## TRIBUTE TO FRANK COLLINS

## HON. DON SHERWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, my predecessor in Congress, former Representative Joseph M. McDade, who served in the House for 36 years, has informed me of the passing on February 18 of Frank Collins, a prominent attorney from Ardmore, Pennsylvania, and former Scranton native.

Mr. Collins graduated in 1948 from Scranton Preparatory School, where he was a classmate of Congressman McDade. Collins attended St. Francis College and graduated in 1952 from the University of Scranton. He later received his Jurist Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 1955.

Collins worked for several banks during his distinguished legal career and most recently worked at the law firm of Collins, Johnson and Markey in Media, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Katharine, and seven children and six grandchildren.

Those who knew Collins best pay high tribute to his intellect, integrity and character. Congressman McDade said of Collins, "His life is a testament to the joy of intellectual pursuit and the use of the Socratic method to attain dependable decisions. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his lovely wife, Katie, and their children."

In a moving and eloquent memorial delivered by a fellow attorney and close personal friend, Henry B. FitzPatrick, Collins was remembered for his many friendships, sense of humor, athletic achievements in basketball and golf, enduring and loving marriage, and professional and personal integrity.

"Frank Collins chose to be a lawyer," FitzPatrick eulogized. "It doesn't take long until that profession separates the upright from the rest. It asks questions which can only be answered by those who are serious about being honest, those who can interrogate the depth of their soul to see if there is further will to be summoned for the finding of the right answer. Frank had that quality of honesty—otherwise he would not have had the trust, as he did, of his clients and fellow lawyers."

"But, we all know that professional honesty might not accompany a person home. The fearlessly scrupulous judge or lawyer might with wife or husband be disingenuous and deceitful; few of us are honest all of the time; Frank Collins was one of that few. He was unable to put a knife in the crack between the levels of integrity demanded of him in his personal and professional lives. For there was no crack, but only the seamless cloth of honesty."

Those are high words of praise for a truly remarkable individual. I want to thank Congressman McDade for bringing the exemplary life on Frank Collins to my attention so that I could bring it to the attention of my colleagues.